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News Release

Verizon Boosts Broadband Availability in Oregon, Giving More Consumers Access to High-Speed Internet

Network Upgrades Extend Reach of DSL Service to More Customers

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BEAVERTON, Ore. - Verizon has boosted access to its fast, affordable DSL broadband service with network upgrades to 20 switching centers in Oregon.

By extending the reach of its DSL service within the state, Verizon is bringing almost 4,200 more consumers a new, competitive choice in broadband through its upgrade.

"The introduction of upgraded technology to the Verizon network in Oregon allows thousands of our customers who may not have had access to DSL in the past to join the millions of Americans who have already chosen it as their high-speed connection to the Internet," said Vickie Curry, Verizon Northwest's director of customer operations. "We are excited about offering more people a new choice for fast Internet access at an affordable price, with a multitude of services that will help them get the most from their broadband connection."

Consumers in Oregon where availability has been expanded can visit www.verizon.net/dsl to see if Verizon Online DSL is available to their homes and to order service. New customers who go online to order consumer DSL service with an annual service plan can choose from a maximum connection speed of up to 3.0 Mbps (megabits per second) downstream and 768 Kbps (kilobits per second) upstream for \$29.99 per month, or a maximum connection speed of up to 768 Kbps downstream and 128 Kbps upstream for just \$19.99 per month.

Both plans include 24/7 technical support, a 30-day money-back guarantee, a choice of free Verizon Yahoo! or MSN Premium services, nine e-mail accounts and 10 MB (megabytes) of personal Web space. For information about additional DSL plans, consumers can call **1-800-PICK-DSL**.

Verizon Online DSL members can make the most of their high-speed connections through access to a variety of great online experiences, including the most extensive collection of online content anywhere from Disney and ESPN Networks. This programming includes live breaking news from ABC News Now, family games and entertainment with Disney Connection, sports action and exclusive game broadcasts from ESPN360, full-screen film trailers and movie news from Movies.com MAX, and original soap opera programming and soap news from SOAPNETIC.

Verizon Online DSL customers also have access to a variety of NFL Network programs, including weekly previews of NFL Network games and off-season

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programming. Verizon also has a number of DSL plans that offer excellent value for business customers, with maximum connection speeds ranging from up to 768 Kbps/128 Kbps to up to 7.1 Mbps/768 Kbps. For more information on business DSL offerings, visit www.verizon.com.

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE:VZ), a New York-based Dow 30 company, is a leader in delivering broadband and other wireline and wireless communication innovations to mass market, business, government and wholesale customers. Verizon Wireless operates America's most reliable wireless network, serving nearly 57 million customers nationwide. Verizon's Wireline operations include Verizon Business, which operates one of the most expansive wholly-owned global IP networks, and Verizon Telecom, which is deploying the nation's most advanced fiber-optic network to deliver the benefits of converged communications, information and entertainment services to customers. For more information, visit www.verizon.com.

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